



## Arlington Commission for Arts & Culture

Minutes of Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2023

Location: Hybrid/In-person - Town Hall Annex

Attendees: Stewart Ikeda, Beth Locke, Lidia Kenig-Sher, Greta Mastro, Tom Formicola, Sarah Morgan-Wu

Absent: Christine Noah, Cristin Canterbury Bagnall, Brian McMurray, Nicole Cuff

Guests: Terry Holt, Angela Olszewski, Cecily Miller

### Agenda

1. Welcome 7:00p-7:05p
2. For Approval: **March & April Minutes** 7:05p-7:10p
  - Christine & Cristin & Nicole give proxy to Stewart. Minutes approved.
3. **Minutes & Secretary** 7:10p-7:15p
4. **DPCD & Chair Updates & New Commissioner Vote** 7:15p-7:30p
  - **Skipped DPCD Meeting** due to Patriots Day
  - Congratulations to ACA on a successful **Spotlight** and to ACAC Commissioner **Beth Locke** on receiving the 2024 McLellan Honors for her work with the Chamber of Commerce!
  - **Jessica Chao** unanimously voted to be a new at-large commissioner. In written statement from Christine: "Jessica has had an impressive career in the arts, not only as an artist herself, but also as a philanthropic advisor and program manager. She is excited about the opportunity to support art and artists in Town, and she has already proven tremendously helpful with strategy and messaging for our spring fundraising appeal. I can't wait to partner with Jessica and see how her insight and expertise will help ACAC become an even more effective organization." From Cristin, who has been working with Jessica on transitioning to a Treasurer role: "Her experience in the arts ecosystem nationally and her expertise in fundraising and finance and large-scale operations will be invaluable."

5. **Community Engagement**
  - **Sharing Community Stories Banners** thru May 30. Talk with the artists at 13 Forest on May 11, 4-6pm.
  - **June 15 Garage Band** - Post-Porchfest After-Party, plus Mystic Open Studio kids activities table; rain date June 16. Volunteer help will be needed. Thanks especially to volunteer **Ed Blundell** for spearheading this year's event!
  - **250 Utility Boxes** and other **Storm Drain** paintings underway this season
  
6. **Patriots Debrief & Planning:**
  - **Patriot's Day Week Debrief**
    - Biggest Ever Celebration - marked by week of hospitality, tours, poetry, sculpture, re-enactments, family arts & crafts, live music - seen as countdown kickoff and practice run for 2025 and 2026
    - ACAC tabled and provided music at Beer Hall: Morningside Music Studios and Gruvemeiners
    - ACAC volunteer **Maria Lobo** donated design assistance to brand the whole week; **Laura Grey** writing feature articles; **Frank Tadley** photographed; thanks to all for sharing their talents!
  - **Nonprofit Convening:** Old Schwamb Mill to be rescheduled **June, weekday June 11, 5:30PM.**
    - Help will be needed by the commissioners, even as ambassadors and greeters. It's important we have a strong showing.
    - Collaborators: OSM, 250, ACAC, Chamber, DPCD
    - Invitations: Tom F and 250 Committee are sending.
    - Length and Structure: Background Presentation by DPCD & 250
    - Summary of What's Happened
    - Form for Proposing Projects or Partnerships of Interest
  - ACAC (and ACD) have been asked to support **Cyrus Dallin Museum's** request for new interpretive signage for statue and flagpole by Memorial Garden and Town Hall.
  - May 28: **AHS** Richard Duffy talk on "civil rights movement in Arlington"
  - ACAC (and ACD): Can we support AHRC, DEI, AHS, and 250 to host a fitting **June** ceremony for the monument for POCs in Old Burying Ground with some music, family activities? **Prince Hall Day** - Partner to help tell stories
  - OSM: May reach out to us about temporary public art to recognize **Foot of the Rocks**
  
7. **New Business** 8:20-8:30p
  - Town Meeting: May 8: Warrant article to amend **Poet Laureate** selection committee make-up
  - Congratulations to Library for hosting wonderful reunion reading by all 4 **Arlington Poet Laureates**

**Next meeting will be Thursday, June 6, 2024 from 7:00-8:30p**